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SUBJECT: USAID RENOVATIONS

1.AFTER THREE SEPARATE SURVEYS AND ALMOST TWO YEARS OF EFFORT, MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS ARE ABOUT TO BE COMPLETED IN THE USAID OFFICES MANILA. A SECURE BARRIER/RECEPTION AREA HAS BEEN INSTALLED, LOCAL GUARDS ARE IN PLACE AND CCTV WIRING HAS BEEN RUN. RSO IS ABOUT TO INSTALL A MARINE SECURITY GUARD AT THE CCTV CENTRAL STATION TO COORDINATE THE OVERALL DEFENSIVE REACTION AND SECURITY SYSTEMS AT THE AID OFFICES. ALL THAT IS LACKING AT THIS TIME IS THE CONNECTION OF THE CCTVS AND THE PREPARATION OF THE MSG DESK.

2. THIS WORK HAS BEEN STOPPED AS OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, AT THE DIRECTION OF USAID DIRECTOR CODY. MR. CODY, WHEN FACED WITH THE REALITY OF MI IMUM PUBLIC ACCESS STANDARDS, IS NOW OBJECTING ON PRINCIPLE TO THE "ATMOSPHERE" THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CREATE AND AN UNDEFINED LOSS OF ACCESS TO SOME MIDDLE LEVEL PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS. RSO MET WITH THE USAID DIRECTOR YESTERDAY AND EXPLAINED THE WORLDWIDE MEASURES BEING TAKEN IN THE COUNTERTERRORIST AREA AND THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION THAT PUBLIC RELATIONS WILL NOT BE A CONSIDERATION IN PROVIDING A SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. THOUGH MOLLIFIED, MR. CODY EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE

THAT HIS OBJECTIONS BE PUT ON THE RECORD AND HE HAS TEMPORARILY STOPPED THE PROJECT UNTIL THIS IS ACCCOMPLISHED AND HE RECEIVES A RESPONSE FROM AID WASHINGTON.

3. RSO ANTICIPATES HEADQUARTERS WILL BE QUERIED AND HAS PROVIDED THE ABOVE INFORMATION FORBACKGROUND. IN ADDITION, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE AID PROJECT REPRESENTS THE LATEST IN DISCREET SECURIS BARRIERS AND A MINIMUM VIABLE DEFENSIVE PHILOSOPHY. IN VIEW OF THE AID DIRECTOR'S REQUEST, RSO HAS SUSPENDED THE FINAL PHASE IN SECURING THE AID OFFICE AREA. STULL

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